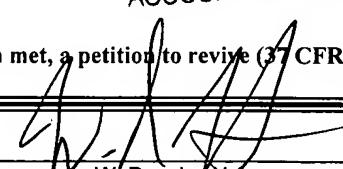


FORM PTO 1390 (REV 5-93) US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 2006_1378A
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371		<b>107589815</b> U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.4)
International Application No. PCT/JP2005/002420	International Filing Date February 17, 2005	Priority Date Claimed February 18, 2004
<b>Title of Invention</b> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING HYDROGEN		
Applicant(s) For DO/EO/US Tohru KATO et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau, as indicated on the attached Form PCT/IB/308. <b>ATTACHMENT A</b></li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). <b>ATTACHMENT B</b></li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). <b>ATTACHMENT C</b></li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <b>ATTACHMENT D</b></li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> </ol>		
<b>ATTACHMENT E</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <b>ATTACHMENT F</b></li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> </ol>		<small>THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975</small>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Form PCT/IB/304. <b>ATTACHMENT G</b></li> </ol>		

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15. [X] The following fees are submitted		CALCULATIONS	
Basic National Stage Fee ..... \$300.00		PTO USE ONLY	
National Stage Search Fee (International Search Report provided - 37 CFR 1.492(b)(2)) ..... \$400.00			
National Stage Examination Fee ..... \$200.00			
Specification/drawings in excess of 100 pages ( units of 50 x \$250.00) = ..... \$			
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>		\$900.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate
Total Claims	14 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	X \$200.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00	\$
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>		\$1,100.00	
[ ] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.		\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>		\$1,100.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).		+ \$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>		\$1,100.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +		\$40.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>		\$1,140.00	
		Amount to be refunded \$	
		Amount to be charged \$	
a. [X] A check in the amount of <u>\$1,140.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed. b. [ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-0975 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. [ ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>23-0975</u> .		THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975	
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.			
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